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# BRITAIN'S FLEET

## European Union Pact Now Half Completed

Mar. 8. — The world's four greatest colonial powers and Luxembourg on Monday completed more than half the articles of a pact binding them into a military and economic core of the 16 Marshall Plan powers.

This was reported amid growing excitement that the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg might come to Brussels to sign the pact be-

fore the 16 powers meet, next week. The lobbles of the Foreign Affairs 'Ministry were thronged on Monday with a record assembly of correspondents pouring in from abroad as a was learned that the Western Union was assuming ever greater importance

with each new step in the conference, "When we signed the Benelux agreement (of the three low country nations last year) we had not foreseen that things would move so far," Luxembourg's Government Counsellor Pierre Elvinger said.

#### **ECONOMIC QUESTIONS**

Monday's session dealt with economic questions which it had first been supposed the conference might not even come to discuss. British Press Attache Stephen Lockhart, as Conference spokesman said they had been "set aside" at the beginning of the Conference Inst

It was understood these were raised by the Benelux countries as their counterpart to the political and military Western Union first proposed Bevin: They will tend to draw the weekend move to challenge the preserve them as souvenirs to be the Navy, Mr Churchill said the signatories closer together into a vast | Government's bill covering the field of economic energy in which withdrawal from Palestine. the dynamism of the industrious low countries will be felt.

treaty. The treaty was expected to Commons next Wednesday. have about a dozen articles, Lock-

### IMPORTANT PREAMBLE

The preamble still remained to be tackled and delegates attached

still inv largely ahead. Defence of tine issues. one another's colonies was not expected to be agreed on by the mother Associated Press.

#### Fleet Home Cranise

that the British Home Fleet will visit the West Indies next autumn and call at "other British possessions in the area. Making the announcement in the House of Commons, the Admirally Financial Secretary, Mr John Dugdale, dld not specify the exact ports of call.

British Honduras, now subject of a territorial dispute with neighbouring Guatemala, is situated about a day's cruise from the Indies.

Two British cruisers, the Sheffleld and the Devoushire were sent to Belize, the Honduran capital, last week after. the longstanding territorial dispute with Guatemala blazed up

Mr Dugdale said that the Fleet would engage in manocuvres and would return to Britain in

early December. He said the composition of the fleet was not yet decided but it would probably consist of the battleship Duke of York, the third 'aircraft carrier squadron. the second cruiser squadron, two flotillas of destroyers and a fleet replenishment ship.—Associated

## "Rebels" Weaken

#### Two Withdraw Names From Amendment

withdrew their support of

The conference reached the stage of Parliament, disclosed last night in five, 10, 15 or even 50 years time, where it was able to elect a drafting that he and fellow Members intended will be certain of having the most committee and refer to it what will to stage a "revolt" when the Pales- up-to-date weapons with which be the six or seven articles of the line bill came before the House of wage it". Mr Dugdale declared.

> \_it\_was\_later\_\_reported\_that\_\_nine. Labour Members, had signed a motion to reject the Government's would go into research into the

Two of the nine, Mr. T. C., great importance to it. They already Skeffington-Lodge and Mr W. H. atomic bomb effects was receiving set himself out to cry down Brihad agreed that it would contain a Ayles, explained, when they with- great attention. One of the most tain, he could not have done it statement of principles which would drew today, that they had signed troublesome features was the radio- better. automatically exclude any totalita- the motion because they felt it active contamination of a ship would be a good thing to have a The question of the colonies also comprehensive debate on the Pales-

countries in the commitments for struct as a revolt against the Gojoint protection of the homelands .- | vernment, they no longer wished to be associated with it.—Reuter...

### EDITORIAL

## Antarctic Strategy

FILLE hostile moves by the Argenting and Chile to deprive Britain of her sovereignty over the Falkland Islands dependencies may, on the surface, strike a comic opera note, but it would be a mistake to dismiss the establishment of allen bases on Deception and Greenwich Islands as frivolous in intention. Superficially the Islands in dispute are unimportant, but when considered geographically they merit serious attention. The first covert moves leading to the present developments was the despatch by the Argentina, and then Chile, of socalled scientific and meteorological experts to Antarctica, and, not without significance, Soviet Russia has, for the second year; in succession, sent to the same area a whaling expedition. The research missions of the two South American nations, however, have developed into belligerent and political gestures, with Argentina establishing a military outpost on Deception Island, and the President of Chile, doing likewise on Greenwich Island. Ostensibly both countries have made big play of their "historical and moral" claims to sovereignty in Antarctics-claims which, in the light of world developments, are strangely timed. The geographical importance of the Antarctic islands cannot be ignored. To the naval powers of the Atlantic and Pacific they are the strategic link between the Up of South America and the Antarollo Continent, with the Straits of Magelian offering a possible alternative to the Panama

Canal: to the naval powers of the Indian Ocean, Antarctica is vitat as a protection of an alternative to the Great Circle air route from Britain, through South Africa, across the Antarctic fringe of the Indian Ocean to Western Australia. These 'are geographical considerations which, as much as anything else, make it necessary for Britain to retain her foothold in Antarctica. It is reasonable to assume other aspects, such as the strategic importance of these islands in connection with atomic rocket weapons which are certain to be used in any future war of world dimensions. Australia is the natural experimental ground | destroyers. for these rockets, but should the traditional air links with Britain, across southeast Asia, India and the Middle East be cut, an alternative route must be assured. The Antarotic commends itself. Moreover the British Commonwealth's desire to take every reasonable safeguard on these lines is further indicated by the recent despatch of meteorologists to Heard Island, roughly halfway between Australia and South Africa, and about ten degrees north of the Antarotio Circle, and the sending of South African parties to the Marion and/ Prince Edward Islands, a few miles north of Heard Island, There is every indication, therefore, that the sudden interest of the Argentina and Britain has always floated upon eral Douglas MacArthur Chile in the Falkland dependencies is based on something more than national pride or historical precedence. It is part of ostible alternative to the Panama strategical advantages.

| Can you wonder," he asked, amid laughter, "that you are checked by laughter, "that you are chec

# FORMIDABLE

## Disclosures Lommons

## GOVT. CRITICISED

London, Mar. 8.—Britain today has "a formidable fleet, second only in size to the United States." Mr John Dugdale, the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said this in the House of Commons today in reply to recent criticism of the size and effectiveness of the Royal Navy.

"Except for battleships, where we certainly have fewer than before the war, we have today as many ships of each class as we had in an average prewar year," he declared. By December, the Royal Navy hoped to have in commission four battleships, three fleet carriers, five light fleet carriers, 17 cruisers, 34 submarines, 52 destroyers and 43 frigates.

Mr Dugdale was speaking in a debate on the Navy Estimates for the next financial year, which at £153 million, are £43,700,000 less than for the current year." Referring to the "great development" in destroyers, he said that the improvement was so great that Britain's 24 newest destroyers had a comparable armament to prewar light cruisers.

policy of secrecy was "stupid."

platforms for guided missiles.

Urging that the five battleships

now being scrapped should be re-

told that they might conceivably be-

come strongly armoured launching

"SENSELESS AND LYING"

Returning to the "senseless and

lying" Admiralty announcement

Mr Brenden Bracken, the First

Lord of the Admiralty in Mr Chur-

chill's last Conservative Govern-

barrassed by the Admiralty state-

ALL RUBBISH '

"Let me tell them now. It was all

"Let them have faith. Let them

of mismanagement and disorganisa-

tion. A period of wise and careful

MacArthur's

Decision

Tokyo, Mar. 8.—Gen-

(Continued on Page 4).

derides General Smuts.

On the decision to scrap five old | Chile, abused by the Argentine and London, Mar. 8 .- Two Labour battleships, Mr. Dugdale said: "It. goaded by Guatemala? Members of Parliament today would be stupid to keep them on now. Complaining that the Admiralty a using money and manpower to was writing down the strength ' war and probably sunk within a the Government made out but this

few days. "We mean to see that any admirals Mr Ian Mikardo, a Labour Member who may have to fight a war, be it

"For that reason, we are proposing to spend about £9 million on research." A substantial part of it effects of the atom bomb on war at that the Home Fleet consisted only

The protection of crews from Mr Churchill said if anybody had caused by a nearby detonation.

## "SNORT" EQUIPMENT

Future submarines would have ment, who was in South Africa at As the motion has been con- the "snort" equipment for taking in the time of "this lamentable exfresh air by a tube which had en- posure of Britain's weakness," had abled the British submarine Alliance told him that the anti-British to make a trip of 3,000 miles sub- parties and press in South Africa merged the whole time.

The Admiralty was also investigating alternative methods of submarine has been telling us we must hold propulsion, including those initiated on to Britain because of the naval

The development of the gas tur- Where is it now, they asked. One bine engine for marine propulsion cruiser and four destroyers! Why, was still in its infancy. If successful, that is less than the Chilean Navy'." it would revolutionise the whole of Mr Churchill added: "I believe. naval warfare and merchant ship- that was a fact-a battleship, one

Referring to the increase in the strength of the Chilean Navy, and fleets of the Dominions, Mr Dugdale the Chileans noticed this point too. declared: "We-cannot today consider | "Hence the alarms and excursions. the Royal Navy in isolation, alone All our friends in South Africa, responsible for the defence of the Boer and Briton alike, were em-Commonwealth.

"A great and growing body of ment. They did not know what to shins and men has come to join us say. and to form a bulwark of strength to the British Commonwealth of Nations."

rubbish. There never was in a .Canada now had a far larger time of peace a British navy which fleet than before the war. The two had so few possible fees and so new Dominions of India and many powerful naval friends. There Pakistan had each decided to have. never was a British navy which had navies of their own. India's would include a cruiser and several more ample reserves.

In the colonial empire. Malayit had not be misled by this passing phase "shown a fine example" by the decision reached in January to create its first permanent naval force.

Proposals for the establishment of neaval forces were being considered in other colonies.

#### CHURCHILL'S CRITTCISM Mr. Winstin Churchill, leader of

the Opposition, said the efficient administration in the fighting services had sunk to its lowest level and there was no one in the Government who had the yital grip to restore the situation.

The announcement that Britain had, only one cruiser and four des-I troyers in the Home Fleet caused a great shock, throughout the whole free democratic world, he said.

her navy. Our great Indian Empire the so-called "cold war" to gain | down another.

her navy. Our great Indian Empire today said that he would Saud by a three-man delegation Majesty was alive."

In a gone down one drain and now today said that he would Saud by a three-man delegation Majesty was alive."

The appeal was taken to king a fine process of his capital from the looters and the Admiralty process that the world of the people of The the Admiralty proclaim that the run for President if no-

## PRESIDENT PAASIKIVI Commons To Probe Allegations

#### "Secret Supporters" Of Communist Party

London, Mar. 8.—The House of Commons today ordered its Committee of Privileges to investigate the publication by the Daily Mail of allegations that some Members of Parliament were "secret supporters" of the Communist Party.

Mr Francis George Bowles, 1 Labour Member, drew the attention of the House of Commons to the published statement which, he said meant, in effect, that 29 Members of Parliament were traiters and secret agents of what he described as "a future enemy power."

The Speaker of the House ruled that there was a prima facie case of a breach of privilege and the matter was then referred to the Committee for investigation.

which stated that British radio Stalin. tained. Mr Churchill said he' was listeners had heard the author- . He would not confirm that the Palestine editor. Mr C. Brogan, suggest that reply would make the same points armoured secret sessions of Parliament were as were included in today's official mounted with machine guns. useless as "secret agents of a poten- statement. tial enemy" would be present.

### THE DANGER"

of one cruiser and four destroyers, a reporter: "I know that any defence Cabinet, presided over by the personnel of Jewish settlements information would be given to the Finnish President, which lasted against which the full force of his Russians. The secret supporters of nearly two hours. the Communist Party are the danger, not the open ones. -

"I don't think Mr William Gallacher (A Communist Member of Parlizment) would do it, for instance. But I understand there are 29 of these

secret supporters in the House". Mr Bowles commented: "It seems to me to be very much more serious to suggest that Members of Parliament will give away any secrets they "All these years, they said, he hear at secret sessions than that a Member might give away, under the influence of drink or for money, defence and security she gives us. secrets of a Party meeting."

This appeared to be an allusion to parties. cases last year in which the Committee of Privileges found two delegates are M. Mauno Pekkala, headdress and various types of Members guilty of a breach, of the Prime Minister, M. Yrjo Leing, battles dress, surrounded by armed privilege because they divulged for Minister of the Interior, both People's escotis, are converging on the headcruiser and six destroyers was the money secrets of meetings of the Democrats, and M. Carl Enckell, quarters to receive instructions on Parliamentary Labour Party.—Reu- the Foreign Minister, an Indepen- points and the dispositioning of the



## DELEGATION FOR MOSCOW - Helsinki, Mar. 8.—The Finnish Government decided today to accept Marshal Stalin's recent offer

to negotiate a Finnish-Russian pact of friendship and mutual assistance. A Finnish delegation will go to Moscow shortly to open talks.

in the State Council decided to reply | Party, is expressing misgivings about in the affirmative to the Soviet the negotiations. Government's proposal to enter into negotiations with a view to the con- they will make every effort to clusion of a pact of friendship and secure visas for reporters to cover mutual assistance and to propose that the negotiations. these negotiations take place in

Marshal Stalin first made his proposals for a friendship and mutual assistance pact. Differences arose, it was learned, over the place where the negotiations were to be held.

PRIVATE DISAPPROVAL The Finnish President, M. Pansikivi, preferred Helsinki, where the Finnish delegation would be in closer touch with the Government and Parliament, who must be consulted before Finland can constitutionally agree to any pact.

Some members of the Social Democrat Party have privately expressed disapproval of the negotiations taking place in Moscow on the ground that the Finns may be confronted with the text of a treaty and be given no opportunity to nego tiate modifications.

There have been hints in the past few days that Finland would want modifications of the proposals made by Marshal Stalin and would not be prepared, to accept the Russian treaties with Hungary and Rumania as an exact model.

munique followed an hour's meeting night got down to work with his today of the Government Foreign local commanders, pouring over Affairs Committee of six Ministers, maps and receiving intelligence re-Mr. Brogan was quoted as telling followed by a full meeting of the ports on the strength, armument and

principle of negotiating with Russia, are put into action. but, in a manifesto published last week, described such negotiations as "against the will of the majority bendquarters after passing through of the Finnish people."

### LIKELY DELEGATES

delegation will be decided at another when the battle plans are com-Cabinet meeting tomorrow. It is likely to consist of three or four Cabinet Ministers and three Members of Parliament representing the of vehicles have been churning up People's Democrat, the Social De- the mud on the partly flooded . mocrat and the Finnish People's mountain roads, following the

The Ministers strongly tipped as

A statement issued by the Finnish . The entire Finnish press, with the Foreign Office tonight said: "The exception of organic voicing the President of the Republic has today views of the People's Democrat

Newspaper administrations say

A Finnish Foreign Office spokesman, asked if Finnish journalists Finland's reply came 11 days after applying for visas for Moscow would receive official Finnish backing, said he could make no comment.—Reuter.

## Arab Leader Draws Up Battle Plan (BY SEAGHAN MAYNES)

At the Samarian mountain headquarters of the "Arab Liberation Army," Mar. 8.— Battle plans for the Arab Liberation Army's war against the Jews in Palestine were drawn up tonight in this closely guarded mountain-top village, now serving as temporary head-A Finnish Foreign Office spokes- quarters of the Arab Com-Mr Bowles read to the House of man said tonight Finland's reply mander-in-Chief, Fawzi Bey Commons the text of the report had not yet been sent to Marshal Kawukji, who crossed into Syria and

> The Finnish Foreign Office com- | The Arab Commander-in-Chief totrained men, with modern weapons. The Social Democrats support the will be thrown when the battle plans

When I reached the mountain, several check points and road blocks manned by disciplined Arab uniformed troops, Kawukji told me: The composition of the Finnish "Our men will be ordered into action All day and night, endless streams

torrential rains.

Arab guerilla chlefs, in Arab forces for all-out attacks.—Reuter.

#### OF PLUNDER AND LOOTING IN Cairo, Mar. 8.—An orgy of YEMEN'S CAPITAL plunder and looting is going on of The Yemen, according to re- Riadh by the illness of its leader, he added. "Soldiers outraged by

PRINCE'S STATEMENT

in Sanaa, the mountain capital ports reaching here from Abdul Rahman Azzam, the Secretary the harrible crime at Sansa are various sources in the Arabian peninsula.

situation had grown worse in The soon as possible, "before the situation by the Arab world." Yemen, where the 85-year old Imam | becomes too critical". Yahya was recently assassinated and In Cairo, it was stated that the where civil war is reported between Egyptian Government has decided Prince Abdullah said his brother Emir Self El Islam . Ahmed, . the to remain neutral in the present diseldest son of the Imam, and the 60- pute in The Yemen, pending a full in the north of the country. year old chieftain, Sayed Abdullah report from the mission.—Reuter, Sayed El Wazir was said to have. Paris, Mar. 8.—Prince Abdullah,

appealed to King Ibn Saud of Saudi issuing a statement to the press as Arabia, who last week announced chief of The Yemon delegation to his ficutrality in the dispute, to send the United Nations and general rehim bombers to deal, with the presentative abroad, said his Bedouin looters in the capital.

The appeal said the Bedouins who prevent any foreign interference in support neither faction in the dispute the affairs of his country had to were taking advantage of the refuse all concessions. in the old, walled city of Sanaa, please certain imperialists who bewhere they believed fabulous wealth, lieved that the creation of trouble na"

FURT FOF FESSIGENT IF 110. Arabian capital. Arab League mission, which The legitimate king, our great Yemen will once again find peace.

the country, might be hidden.

El Wazir's delegation is reported gitimate heir to the throne, to to be urging the Arab League mission avenue their Imam, our late father, The reports indicated that the to continue its journey to Sanaa as who is mourned by his people and DELIVERANCE PROMISE

He would shortly make "a trium-. pliant entry into the capital of The Yemen and deliver it from the

nesassins." The prince added that when order twas restored, 'a charter would be established in which all representatives of the nation would collaborate in a policy of friendship with all

"It is obvious that we shall give preference to our Arab brothers and. troubled situation to attack property. "This policy was bound to dis- after that, to those countries who show no imperialism in regard to

attributed to the Inte Imam and to in the country would provide them with the Koran in one hand and with the opportunity of realising the sword in the other and progress MISSION DELAYED, their objectives. It was difficult to as his object, His Majesty, our great The appeal was taken to King Ibn foment trouble as long as his late brother, the Imam Ahmed, will



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NEW YORK.

BOOKLET on how not to be mistaken for a (A Communist is Hollywood's best-seller today. It is called Screen Guide for Americans, and is published by the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals.

This Right-wing organisation was founded by, among others, Ginger Rogers' mother.

The booklet lists these don'ts for film makers: Don't smear the free enterprise system; don't deify the common man; don't glorify failure; don't smear industrialists; don't permit any disparagement of personal success; don't give to your characters—as a sign of villainy a desire to make money.

WHILE stars and producers are preoccupied with that advice, Hollywood's own 'little people," the extras, 2,000 of whom have not had work for six months, are earning a living in the orange groves as pickers.

DRESIDENT TRUMAN, who is on holiday in the tropics, is greeted everywhere with his favourite tune, "The Missouri Waltz." But at home the tune might well be "Everyone's Wild About Harry."

To the Jews, the Left-wingers, and the Torles, there must now be added Truman's own licutenants. For there is mutiny talk within his Democrat Party. "Truman is going to lose us this election," grumble such staiwart White House supporters as Senator Alben Barkley and ex-Speaker Samuel Rayburn.

DRANK SINATRA, the crooner, I has made £2,500,000 in the past ave years, but he is so broke that his manager is making him live on £25 a week.....

WALL STREET is going on strike. . VV Not the brokers, of course, but the clerks and telephone operators who make it possible for millions to change hands every day. They want their average wage of £10 a week increased to £12 10s. The Exchange says they haven't a chance.

A MERICA'S official weather In prophets, using traditional methods, have missed forecasting every big snow this winter. George MacCormack, an amateur who predicts weather by the behaviour of planets, forecast last September the winter's three big falls—Decem-THERE is something over to play | ber 26, January 24, February 22.

Already Peron has the best navy, TRAVEL: A survey of a cross-section the strongest army, and the most L of prospective American tourists modern air force in the Western to Britain and elsewhere in Europe Hemisphere after the United States, this summer shows that 40 percent of Chile them want, above all else, "efficient and courteous service," and that 32 He has cornered Bolivia's tin tor percent want "very good food."

his smelting works, the most up to date in the world. He has visited COMIC STRIP: New York State is Brazil to win President Dutra over U considering a Bill to control some comic strips, because "they uso The royal welcome accorded to his bad grammar and are immeral, bold, actress wife by Franco was a great victous, and contributing factors to

white population south of Panania, cratic Italy had to make flesta for PINION: Writing a guest column He launched his plan to give them her slender beauty when it was U for Leonard Lyons, James Mason accompanied with a loan of £30,- says that anyone criticising Hollywood films is really paying America compliment. His argument: Real Americans talk to each other like grown-ups and do things; Hollywood's Americans are the victims of "enforced-banality."

was to build up an anti-Peron front, DROHIBITION does not work, are banned. Five years ago Alabama balanced by a sup for "the shirtless." bear is roving he cannot afford to State outlawed the penny gramo-There were compulsory price cuts leave a hole in America's hemispheri- phones in all pubs. They drove increased juvenile delinquency, crime,

> Today the board which banned the juke-box admitted that drinking had increased, and that "juke-easies" where Bing, Sinatra, and Benny levery town. It lifted the ban.

## 'REVOLUTIONS PERON says . MUST EXPAND LECTION politics trans-

ferred to a world stage is the reason why General Peron. Argentine President. has found it necessary to stirring radio broadside from challenge Britain by trespassing every ship? in force among our Antarctic islands.

There is trouble at home. The classic way of dealing with internal strife is to pick a noisy quarrel out of doors. What better than a naval parade in as his enemies call him. the Antarctic, with newsreel

But behind the roll of Latin oratory now moving on Decention Island there are sharp

First meet Peron, the wouldbe fuehrer of the western world.

Five years ago he took a torn shirt and tied it to a pole: here was a cameras behind the guns and a symbol for the "descamisados," the

## **BRITAIN'S** 5-FESTIVAL YEAR

MUSIC lovers from overseas most every language. What Strat-who are visiting Britain ford-on-Avon is to Shakespeare, Malvern is to Bernard Shaw. This this year, will be able to enjoy festival is also a delightful social a brilliant festival programme, occasion. Not only is there a Throughout the summer different play each night to enjoy months, five major events are but also garden parties, tea-time being staged which will offer to tractive club where visitors may the discriminating the best in meet. The great dramatist, whose music and drama.

. The first International Festival play specifically for the event. held in Edinburgh has already established this beautiful and historical capital as a focal point in ballet and theatre of international renown are offering a crowded pro- Finally, choral music will be par-

Preliminary announcements indicate that this years attractions . will be, of an even more ambitious character than last year. They will gain added interest from celebration centenary of Chopin's visit to the

so named from the Roman baths He will take up this new appointstill to be seen. It is designed to ment next month. introduce children and parents to Although he will vacate his pretive event will be a period costume information. ball to be held in the Pump Rooms. The novel feature of this assembly, internationally famous through his being held in April, will be a con- inspired handling of cinema recor- Legion of Honour, he went arts.

different countries.

talks, Sunday concerts and an at-92nd birthday the festival will specially honour, is writing a new

Britain's lovely cathedral city of Canterbury will be the scene of yet the musical world. Again this year another festival of music. This has a galaxy of conductors, orchestras, long been established as one of the soloists as well as stars of opera, outstanding events of the year in

gramme. Once more during August, ticularly well represented at Three Edinburgh will transform itself into Choirs Festival at Worcester. Brla gay cosmopolitan 'city, reminis- tain's finest choirs will perform a cent of the memorable prewar festi- widely varied programme of choral musterpieces.

### JOHN GRIERSON .

[NESCO'S Director of mass communication and public information, Mr. John Grierson, is to control film activities of Britain's Central office of Information. He will supervise planning, distribution THIS years' innovation is an assem- and production of all films pre-1 bly at the famous town of Bath, pared by the British Government.

that unique combination of art in a sent post with Unesco, Mr. Grierson historic and beautiful setting with a will continue to work for the orgaceremonial which gives a festival pisation in a voluntary capacity: 66 AN joy kill?" Its prticular character. An attrac- medium-for-dissemination of public Mr. Grierson's name has become

ference to discuss special problems ding of facts and problems of daily home and jumped so high for of introducing young people to the life from a purely 'realistic' angle. The annual Shakespeare season, documentary has been termed Bri- the ceiling and was knocked which is Britain's greatest national tain's outstanding contribution, to out, festival of the theatre, will again cinema. It was Mr. Grierson who be held in the immortal playwright's in 1929 initiated this new approach A friend remarked "Had he killbirthplace. It extends from April to the screen and gave it its name, ed himself, it would have been a deer into a toadstool." to October, and this year an out- Speaking in London recently heldeath worthy of the successor of standing cast of players has been suggested that one of the reasons Archimedes." assembled. Last year this event for success of Britain's documentary . And now I come to think of it attracted a record number of 238,- films was that they had given the Baudin, a member of the Council of Woldwell has asked Mrs Wretch to alphabetical order the compilers 000 visitors. Audiences were re- citizen a real picture of the modern Ancients under the Directory, was W if she would be willing to join give the lie to any criticism of unpresentative of no less than 52 world. The great task for the said to have dropped dead from joy his circus for a month as Queen of democratic bias which might be future he outlined as giving to inter- when told in 1799 that Bonaparte the Sec-Saw. He would engage the made. Nobody who wants to know Another dramatic festival honours national relations the same vitality had come back from Egypt and was Persians, and all she would have to the names and initials of every cab-

## By Charles Foley

the "warring faction" of an inde-

dance over the ment-for-railways

treaty, is the Argentine's Dr Schacht

Miguel Miranda who led us a rare

pendent Labour movement.

L power politics abroad.

He has drawn Uruguay and

into his economic sphere.

for a pan-American bloc.

"A revolution must expand or die,"

never come, General Peron is. on

Until a year ago the U.S. policy

a long, hard look round a hard world

Not so. Even in Chile a politician

"shirtless ones," the Ill-paid working called Labour Party has superseded masses and the destitute. With a storm of oratory he swept rival parties off the board, and within three years he had reached the presidential palace.

In the Pink House, or Casa Rosada, buying cheap all over the country of Buenos Aires the handsome and selling abroad to the highest rabble-rouser, still barely 50, showed bidder. Profits of this trading himself a man of heady visions. It machine pay for the Five Year Plan, was not enough to have "arrived," for railways, factories, and dams. the revolution must "expand in time and space.'

Abruptly he tore the Argentine from the South American slesta. His neighbours might be richer in minerals, but gold and silver veins run, out. The Argentine's riches were first in the endless green pampas which, in a hungry world feeds more cattle and many more sheep than there are people England, then in a golden flood of wheat and in a rapid industrialisution, to which British capital in the past has contributed £600,000,000.

### The master

DERON saw this; he also saw prestige coup for Peron in South Juvenile delinquency." I himself master of the only all- America, while even the new demoguns and butter too.

The millionaires and cattle barons 000.000. lost their fear of the "shirtless ones" who rode round in Cadillacs. Con- and though the day when the Pink House shakes the White House may gress was mastered the Press was

-The-Supreme-Court-was liquidated the way.because it was not "sympatice" ' to the regime. The universities lost 1,500 pedants who would not teach but since then Mr Marshall has had even when it is juke-boxes which the Peron brand of learning. Each such stroke is counter- and decided that while the Russian

of 17 per cent. in rents, up to 50 cal defence. per cent, in clothing, and—to the joy P.S.: But what, you ask, is peaceof film-crazy "descamisados"—20 ful Chile thinking of to send her and immorality. per cent. in cinema scats. His film President down to the Antarctic in star wife, Eva Peron, receives deflance of our "No trespass" signs? workers delegations, and-authentic is this a move concerted with the Nell Gwyn touch-delights them Argentine? Of course there is a Five Year must live—and why should that man Goodman can be heard in a beery with stories of her humble past. Plan to end "decrepit liberalism" in Peron have all the limelight, any- atmosphere have been opened in economics, just as Peron's own so- how?

morning paper. It can MR T. CLEVERLEY GRAMcertainly hurt. When Legendre, the geometrician, was given the Christmas in his native town. He This technique of the factual film of joy that he banged his head on toy department of Mobble and Grit-

Britain's greatest living playwright, and substance that had been given the man chosen by Sleyes to get rid do would be to walk up and down man in Huntingdonshire can afford whose plays are translated into al- to national questions in the past. of the Government.

### asks a Mimsie Slopcorner

The pound, the amorous Mayor of A daring innovation Sopping Overcote, wil be Father has written to Mimsie Slopcorner suggesting that she should be the Sopping Overcote Fairy Queen in the writes, "is to stop the children touching the clockwork mice, wave your wand when it's time to put the lights actress. on, and pretend to change my rein-

## Mrs Wretch refuses

by Beachcomber Trio did their net. He received an indignant refusal.

> THE first chess match to be played L on stilts underneath a skating rink will be broadcast next Tuesday in the Cretins' Hour, with a crawling commentary by a man in a diving helmet, travelling 300 miles an hour in a plane 10,000 feet up. The moves will be radioed to him by an

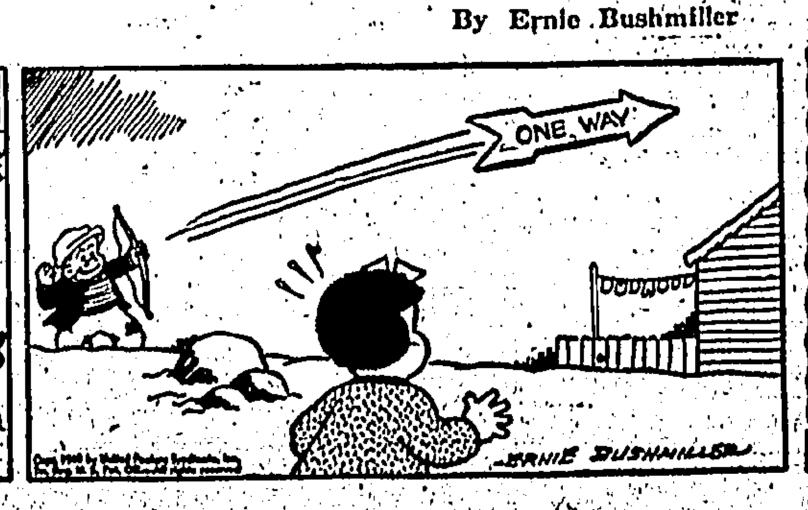
The cabmen again.

'NEW edition of the "List of A Huntingdonshire Cabmen" has made its. appearance. By adhering

NANCY. Robin Hood, 1948









# This Space Every Day BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Rosalind Russell for Lois Leeds. .Here are some real Star Shine tips for you!

STAR SHINE!

gives her face a clear-cut beauty, gowns. much admired.

"cinched-in" look at the waistline calls for the much longer skirt. The hips are accented by the much And, of course, you'll wear ropes

Shoe Tips! Black satin pumps ·look new, although they are a copy of the craze for satin of twenty-five years ago! Fashion, like History, always repeats?

Makeup! Women are anxious to wear more delicate makeups but all cosmetic manufacturers have not stressed the pale colours. But they will, I hope, and soon.

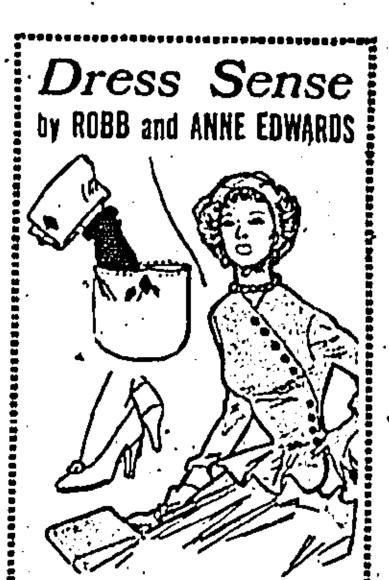
Minute Makeyo

4 GABRIELLE

The pale shades and softer tones look beautiful with the present Rosalind Russell has a smooth, Fashiotza: Radiant Pink should be high forehend. She Dramatises it your choice in lipstick to go with by brushing her hair back. This your very "lady look" hats and

Ear Tips! Brilliant carrings will Waists and Hips, Hemline. The make your eyes sparkle. Rhinestones and Pearls, combined, are one of the prettiest combinations, and ropes of Pearls with Rhinestone clasps.

> Hat Tips! If you are wearing your hat at the new exaggerated angle, be sure to have your, hair swept high to "fill in" the open space. And apply your rouge a little higher and blend it until it is just a mere shadow of colour on each check.



decoration-were a main point from both London and Paris dress shows. Four smart ways In the interest of good looks, reto use the new fashion are: To close a patch pocket; as links on a cuff; to outline a diagonal fastening; as a buckle for a shoe. PEARL buttons are used for boots; green GLASS buttons for a black suit; diamond-shape -duce at a gradual pace. Gradual reducing is graceful reducing, Soon you will find yourself losing a little weight regularly and at the same time feeling better than you have ever felt before. There will be "lev-JET buttons for light-coloured jackets. But remember, to be smart, buttons must be: (1) LARGE: (2) FEW, and (3) LOOK as if they have a purpose and are not just eling off" periods, during which you won't lose weight. But don't worry, Nature does this regardless of diet. Just stick to your plan. Ent less decoration—even if they are. Best way to make a phoney fastening look as if it actually food but every bit of it selected with an eye to Minerals and Vitamins and the ounces will start dropping buttoned is to add buttonholes 

## SIDE GLANCES

### Galbraith



"I could say plenty, but I made a New Year resolution not to criticize faults in other women, particularly agotism!"

## Canton-Macao Rail Link Proposed

Reporting on recommendations made for part of U.S. aid to China funds to be used for reconstruction in areas away from the war zones. Chinese sources state that Dr T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung and Director of the President's Headquarters in Canton. favours, among other projects, the building of a branch railway line linking up Canton with the Portuguese colony of Macao.

into Dr Soong's office.

One of the inrgest reconstruction projects which has been presented to U.S. Secretary of State George

## **SINGAPORE** MAY HOUSE U.N. BODIES

Two United Nations bodies may set up headquarters in Singapore. They are the Food and Agricultural Organisation and the Economic Council for Asia and the Far East.

The Straits Times was told officialup temporary headquarters in the Far East.

Nations. ECAFE is a subsidiary body established by U.N.'s Economic and Social Council.

ECAFE recently held a preliminary meeting at Shanghai and its first conference at Baguio, in the Philippines. Its next full conference will held in India in May this year.

#### Under Discussion

temporary headquarters in the Far periment. East will be discussed.

headquarters is already under dis-Regional Office and Advisory Council in the Far East be set up.

quarters of these two bodies. China will prexs Shanghai's claims. Baguio's. Siam has offered facilities

at Bangkok. claims have the support of .. India and the Netherlands East Indles.

## Couldn't They About Picasso

Pablo Picasso, the storm centre of Western art for two decades, is a graven image in the LOST TEETH, GOT hearts of all young artists.

But he was wiped off by Moscow last year when he was called "the chief representative of the decadent French school."

- Now, says a Paris correspondent. Roland Pullen, everybody is be-Finning to ask whether France has finished with him, too. . Although the salons are still full

of paintings in the Picasso style by faithful disciples, impartial critics of several nations lament that French art has declined in the past ten years, partly due to Picasso's strong influence.

the Master himself has Now

A season of Sophocle's Greek in his gullet. tragedy, Oedlpus Rex, at the Theatre Champs Elysees, with decor by Picasso, has had to close down only nights after his opening—a financial flasco.

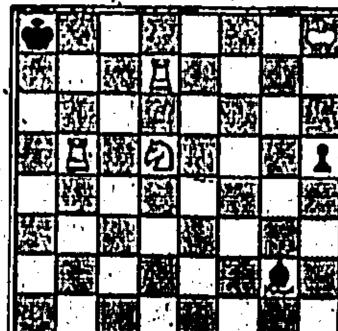
The characters had been made up in authentic Picasso style—so that they looked forwards and sideways at the same time.

It could not go wrong, entrepreneurs thought everybody would want to see what Picasso had made of Sophocles. But the empty seats showed that Paris, like Moscow, couldn't care less.

Meanwhile, on the Cote d'Azur, Picasso paints on unperturbed. He has the best part of £250,000 in the bank.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By G. THOREN Black, 3 pieces



White, 4 pieces. White to play and mate in three. Solution to yesterday's 1. K-K1, any; 2, Q. R. Kt or P.

These sources state that re- Marshall and which coils for construction plans are pouring US\$40,000,000 is that submitted by the Canton-Hankow Hallway.

Scores of government agencies and ministration claims that American private enterprises have applied for a share of the American funds, each claiming its project should be given top priority in the reconstruction for the fuller, operation of the

Dr Soong is said to advocate the construction of a branch line to facilitate the transportation of coal from Yangmei Hill, which could increase its production from 400 to 1,000 tons per day.

A new railway machine factory is niso proposed for Canton to assemble and repair railway equipment. This would require US\$1,000,000. Another million is asked for renovating various railway stations.

## 'MIRACLE' BIRTH

A cot in Chester city hospital ly that they would consider setting for a week held the secret of the miracle birth of a baby doomed, it seemed, to live only FAO is directly part of the United a few days—who now has the same expectation of life as any other child.

who drained every drop of blood from the child's body as soon as NE of these days I would like she was born, replacing it with new blood from an anonymous donor, tween my friends in the Army and will never be known. They made Navy. Of course Gen. Alfred M. a pledge in the operating theatre Gruenther is the top bridge name that no names be used when they in Army circles, although I under-At this meeting the question of announced the success of the ex- stand that General Eisenhower

One said that owing to a rare that statement. The question of FAO Far East imcompatibility in the blood of the parents, Edward J. Jones, 34, former In these three and Gen. Robert cussion. The suggestion is that a Chester railway official, and his J. Gill of Bultimore, Md., would 25-year-old wife, Margaret May team up against a picked Navy Jones, it was almost impossible for team (whose names I will not There are several places in the them to have children who would mention now lest I tip off my Far East with claims for the head- live more than a few days. Of their hand) it could become another three elder children, only one-a great annual Army-Navy game. boy-survived in the face of odds The Philippines will support of 85, percent against him.

It is understood that Singapore's "that the only method of saving the ting South, I opened the bidding child's life was by a complete change on today's hand with one spade, of blood. As soon as she arrived, although some experts would prewe inserted a special plastic tube for to open it with a club. into one vein and, in half an hour, had withdrawn all her blood and to give her health and life."

will sail to America with us in the to six diamonds. There was no Queen Elizabeth in April. She will be named Margaret, with a second that he intended to make it. name which will have some relation to the miracle of her birth."

# SORE THROAT

A man in Perth, West Australia, who "lost" a denture found it seven

weeks later in his gullet. The man, Les France, aged 38, searched his home after he first missed the denture, which has two teeth on it. Finally he gave the plate up for lost.

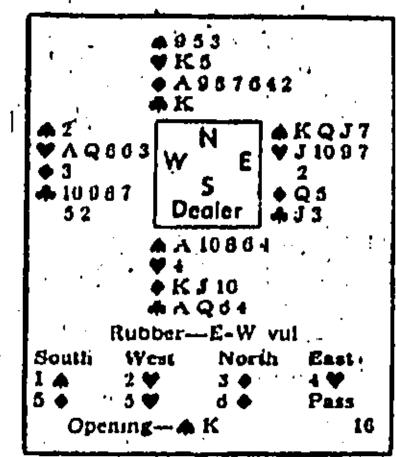
Shortly afterwards he developed a sore throat, but did not attribute it to the missing denture.

When France visited a doctor about his sore throat, the doctor found that the denture was lodged

A surgeon operated on France's Canal? throat and removed the denture. It is now back in its rightful posi-



Showing at Bridge



#### But the names of the six doctors By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

to put on a bridge contest beclaims to be a better player, and that Geni Mark Clark questions

I learned recently while playing in a game with a naval officer that "We decided," said the doctor, the Navy is not afraid to bid. Sit-

I thought that the opponents pumped in negative blood required might make four hearts, and that The father says: "Our daughter the Navy took command and went

> He won the opening lead in dummy with the ace of spades, led a small club to the king, cashed of diamonds and led small diamond back to dummy's king. On the ace and queen of clubs\_he\_discarded\_ his two losing

What is the Vulgate? What is a bill of adventure?

Who in World War I were 5. What country built the Sucz

6. Name the Bolshevist leader whom Stalin drove out of Russia. . (Answers on Page 4)

21. Does she make the lad ring. (7)

23. No recluse would come out this.

24. I'm not Dan, though prevailing,

2. Implement. (4)
3. Nothing from the reed instru-

6. Oral delivery. (D)
5. At no time. (6)
6. One eleven. (5)
7. A pasty sort of animal 7. (8)
8. Prices quoted for time as set. (9)
12. Saunter. (6)
14. Direction the ear follows. (4)
16. The direction follows the ear. (4):
17. A plece of household furniture
with many keys. (5)
20. A same entertainment party. (4):
22. Implement of war. (3)

Made impossible. (9)

4. Oral delivery. (9)

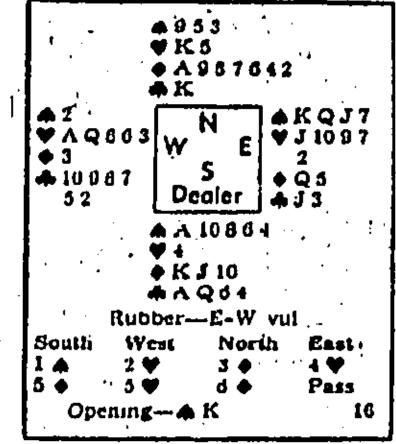
# GIVING DUMB THIRTEEN CHICKENS KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

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## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Navy Makes a Good



was the reason I went to five diamonds. When West'bid five hearts,

spades, then played the four of hearts. West quickly took his ace, and the captain spread his hand,

## Check Your Knowledge

claiming the balance.

Who was known as the "knight

without a flaw?" called the "Ladles from Hell?"

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The bird's warning makes Rupert feel nervous, More birds arrive and

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, You may walk down the Mepen

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fly round and round as if waiting for something, but the little bear cannot understand what it is all about, so he takes the trumpet and tries to make out how Algy blew it. Suddenly a cry from Willie makes him turn. "Quick!" shouts the little mouse, "up in the sky! Can you see them? Do look! A tiny men all walking down the sunbeams ! Whoever are

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## EXTENSIVE MILITARY AID TO NANKING FORECAST

Washington, Mar. 8 .- Informed sources predicted today that the United. States within the next few months will become committed to supplying considerable military aid to Chiang Kai-shek's government despite the fact that the State Department is against such a course.

Two Fleets In Singapore

Singapore, Mar. 8.—Two fleets, one British and one American, arrived here today and anchored together

in the outer roads. Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Feet, came from a visit to Saigon, flying his flag in the 10,000-ton cruiser London, with three

destroyers in company The 27,000-ton United States aircraft carrier Valley Forge arrived flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Martin, commanding United States Task Force 38, with an

escort of three destroyers. The. United States squadron leaves for Trincomalee, Ceylon, on Thursday. -Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S FLEET STILL FORMIDABLE

(Continued from Page 1)

throughout the world." Mr Churchill said if the Goyornment had taken his advice and raduce the navy personnel nearly three years ago instead of now, the Royal Navy would by now be approaching a period when it would have something like a Home Fleet in com-

mission again., Mr A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Desence, who spoke next, claimed that both the Kuomintang and the that had Mr Churchill's advice in Chinese Communists would be much have been in a disastrous position conlition government. with not enough trained men left in

the Navy today.

To put the battleships Nelson and Rodney into a fit condition to go into reserve would cost £11,000,000 and £12,000,000. They would take up dockyard labour for the next three or four years.

CHURCHILL'S RETORT -Mr-Churchill: "I\_don't\_believe\_it\_ They could be placed in basins or roadsteads, where they might remain, without that ex-

penditure." Mr Alexander replied: "We will revive the pre-war scheme of editorial columns of the Washington not allow the Royal Navy to come revive the pre-war scheme of Post, among others, that a pronot allow the moyal Mavy to come building a spacious parochial gramme for restoring a silver basis it would be unable to meet its hall for the benefit of the com- of currency in China might be effec-

commitments. temporary immobilisation of west of St Teresa's Church. certain ships, while we get more quickly to a balanced training force capable of manning the ships at an

early date." Regarding the possibility of manning. Mr Alexander declared: we need a balanced task force to go to sea within one week to 10 days from now, it could be provided. would like that to be known, not only here, but-to-the world. It! would very seriously interfere with the detailed technical scheme of training, but, nevertheless, it can be done and would, if necessary, be

done."-Reuter. EARL HOWE'S SUGGESTION London. Mar. 8.—An Imperial

announcements on the scrapping doors on Sundays.

of ships and asked: "Has the Dominions?" He suggested : steps might have

"a clash of interests" in the Falklands Islands. "Why could we not have accepted the offer made by the Australian Government to send a cruiser," he

He had no doubts that Britain's failure to obtain reparations from Albania for the loss of so many British seamen when the destroyers Saumurez and Volage were "deliberately mined in the Corfu Channel," made other nations think they could "twist the lion's tall with

"The Services-land, air and senmust combine in one gigantic opera- the party's National Convention. tion,", and he hoped they would never again hear of troubles between wars when the Services seemed to be at loggerheads with one another.

#### ---Reuter. CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answors

rent plans for giving the Nan-king Government military aid beyond what it has already to boyond what it has already received from United States army tance may materialise as a re-

and public opinion. Whether the State Department no danger of increased aid to China hanges its stand on this question cutting into the funds for the Marchanges its stand on this question voluntarily or not, most informed shall plan. observers believe that Congress is virtually certain to include military Gen. Wedemeyer's advice to give aid in the China assistance programme despite Secretary of State it did at a time when Chiang's George C. Marshall's desire that it military fortunes are ebbing rapidly, be confined to commodities and re- and being tied in as it was with the construction assistance.

Informed sources point out several factors which tend daily to increase the possibility of the United States putting more military equipment into the hands of the Nanking Government. One of these is the rapidly deteriorating military position of Chiang's army. Another is the Foreign Affairs Committee to the quiries as to why, in the light

Quiet Lobbying

Still another factor, and one not so widely recognised as the others. is that large United States business interests with financial stakes or potentials in China are quietly lobbying to swing more Congressional sentiment behind large-scale ald for of Chiang.

State Department officials, even that majority who strongly deplore the alleged "corruption and memciency" in the Chinese Government, our naval strength and repute are growing increasingly concerned have suffered on the battlefield in the past few months. According to these officials, the U.S. strategy at the time Gen. Marshall returned from his failure to mediate in the Chinese civil war was to adopt a more or less hands off policy with the idea that both sides would exhaust any signi-Scant advantage. The idea then was

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The St Teresa's Church

by the Pope's recent appeals to of interest on this score. sultable hall the church will be able Committee in Shanghal to maintain

nli parochial associations, lecture able official coolness. Most officials courses, concerts, study circles, appear to believe it is but another sports, social gatherings and other type of currency loan and would of the visit was to plot a time table activities primarily almed to give result in nothing but giving the young Catholics practical moral Chinese another line of credit with-

Defence Conference on British naval will cost \$15,000 and the Parochial problem. strength was suggested by Earl Council, the chairman of which is Howe, Commodore in the Royal Father Granelli, has decided to Naval Reserve, in the House of Lords launch a campaign for raising funds by means of subscriptions, and col-He referred to the Government lections taken outside of the church Director-General of UNRRA.

. Doners of \$5,000 will have their Government sought the view of the names empanelled within the pre- "useless" to the Chinese National mines today. Two men were Kongmoon (Sea). 5 p.m. cincts of the hall as "founders," and Government: in its war with the those who give \$1,000 or more will be recorded as special subscribers. States should send America military Labour, however, called mass meet— Shanghal, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).

The Hon. Treasurer of this fund man to China to Chin been taken much earlier to prevent be recorded as "special subscribers." is Mr F. E. d'Almada Remedios.

# Candidate

Democratic national chairman that the military supplies the Russians he will run for the re-election as had captured from the Japanese had president this year if nominated by turned up in Communist hands. · Meanwhile at Honolulu the Star Bulletin said today that it learned chief of the UNRRA China office, reliably that President Truman has advocated economic aid for China. appointed Percy Hampton Johnston, refired chairman of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York, to investigate China's financial

The paper said Mr Truman tele-1. A translation of the Hebrew phoned the banker, who is visiting Bible and the Greek New Testament his son in Honolulu. It sold that into Latin. 2. A declaration signed Johnston who is in bed with a virus by the master of a ship which carries infection, declined to comment but by plane today from China to give heavy printing cost.

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The Control of the plane today from China to give heavy printing cost. Galahad. 4: The Scottlah High- he would-leave for China in a there. He will probably sprear Inders. 5. France. 6. Leon Trot- special military plane.—Associated before the Committee, on Wednes- the fighting before Hongkong fell to of 1-9 Wyndham Street. City of

Although Administration offi-publicly, that it can be kept alive

Effect On Public Opinion There are some signs of wavering surplus, they do not rule out on the part of the Administration the possibility that such assisformed sources believe its endorsement of this type of assistance, if sult of the various factors at and when it comes, will not occur work on Congressional, official until the European recovery plan has been safely passed and there is

> Meanwhile, Gen. MacArthur's and Chiang more military aid, coming as concepts of global strategy against Communism, appears to have had considerable effect on Congressional

and public opinion. After Gen. Murshall's admission that Communist domination of China north of the Yangtse would render the American position in Korea untenable and pose a "very impact of the testimony by Gen. serious problem" to the United States Douglas MacArthur and Lt-Gen. occupation forces in Japan, there Albert C. Wedemeyer to the House have been increasing editorial ineffect that military assistance would that statement, the Administration provide the only solution of the China continues to be adamant against bolstering Chiang with military aid.

Gen. Marshall's explanation that economic aid will free some Chinese foreign exchange for the purchase of a limited amount of military equipment does not appear to have had much appreciable effect in calming the apprehensions of those who fear the repercussions of the defeat

Interested Observers

The representatives of big companies which have interests in Oriental economics are interested observers of every Congressional hearing on China aid. They make no secret of the fact that they are interested in seeing the United States bolster Chiang sufficiently to enable China to attain peace and stability, which would be a requisite to their long-delayed plans for full resumption of activities in that area or, in some cases, expansion of

Most informed sources believe that without the strength of Gen. 1945 been followed, the Fleet would more amenable to negotiations for a Marshall's great personal prestige However, the past six months so long have withstood various down 80 of a total of 160 failed to bear out that thesis, and demands for more aid and military Kuomintang brigades on the whole Replying to Mr Churchill's criti- now even those officials most critical aid to China. Even that is not ex- of the southern front." cism of scrapping of old battleships, of the Kuomintang are beginning to pecied to prevent Congress from Mr Alexander said good use of the admit that the United States cannot voting military aid into the China 100 miles north of Mukden, continues ships put into reserve had been stand by and witness the collapse aid bill when Senators Styles to be confused. There is neither made in the past but were those con- of the Chiang government. How- Bridges and Robert Taft, together confirmation nor denial of reports Press. ditions likely to operate in another ever, so far they maintain, at least with Representatives who favour that the city has fallen.

question of military aid little press, up constant aerial attacks. Naval public or Congressional attention is units are reported to be gathering at present being given to the ques- off-shore waiting for the attack tion of whether the-United States signal. ought to attempt measures to assist in\_the\_stabilisation of the Chinese

Silver-Based Currency Assertions from such quarters as Parochial Council has decided to Representative Walter Judd and the munity. It is to be built on the live, have proused no particular in-"We have accepted naval advice vacant Mission ground to the terest either in Congress or among and take full responsibility for it of Chinese themselves are cool to any The Council, which consists of 15 such idea, being reluctant to change members of St Teresa's Church, has even an inflated currency for one been moved to resurrect the pre-war subject to the whims of the silver scheme to build the parochial hall market, has contributed to the lack

"counteract the evils of materialism | The Chinese idea that the United which so threatens Christian civili- States might advance a loan to assist sation and world peace." With a the Foreign Exchange Equalisation to enlarge its Catholic social service. a more even keel in foreign trans-It is planned to use the hall for actions has been met with considerout having any effect on either the It is estimated that the building exchange situation or the currency

Military 'Aid' Urged Washington, Mar. 8.-Military aid

for China was urged today by the Chinese Reds. He said the United men to China to equip, train, ormilitary and economic aid, in China are equally important. One would be worthless without the other. When asked what aid, if any, the Chinese Reds are getting from out-Washington, Mar. 8.—President not say, but he has heard on good demanded increased wages and a Truman said today through the authority that a great amount of 40-hour week.—Reuter.

answer' that; question in an open session. chief of the Flying Tigers, arrived day Associated Press.



"You must be doing something wrong, George. I can spank him without making him cry."

## Fu Tso-Yi Smashes Red Threat West Of Peiping

Shanghai, Mar. 9.—Infantry and cavalry under General Fu Tso-yi routed a Communist force massed west of Peiping, easing temporarily the Red threat to the coal mines 20 miles west of Peiping, according to a Government communique today.

The outbreak of fighting near Shang Shu-min, deputy Chief of the Chinese Air Force, took over the command of the Chinehow adthat the Communists plan to with food and ammunition. a spring offensive "soon." The Red radio said the Reds had completed winter Shensi as the Mukden situation training, and the armies in eased and the Communists developed Shantung, North Kiangsu, Shan- a threat against Yenan and si, Chahar, Hopei, and Honan Peiping sald that strong Red detach-"will unfold a spring offensive ments crossed the Yellow River and

armies under Generals Liu Po-chen, reported to be under Pen Teh-hui Chen Yi and Chen Keng are "holding and Yang Hu. News of the fighting at Szepingkai,

such action, bring full pressure to There are increasing signs that bear in favour of a larger China aid the government intends to launch a programme.

The government intends to launch a construction of Ying- OUTWARD MAILS Forces were sent to hospital after drinking the mixture, the paper drive to recapture the port of Ying-Meanwhile, in the debate over the kow soon. The air force has kept

Washington, Mar. 8.-U.S. Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, was told on Monday that the House of Representatives would probably take action on the European recovery programme by April 10 or

The assurance was given to Mr Morshall by the House speaker, Mr C. Martin, when the Secretary of State called on him at the speaker's office yesterday. With Mr Marshall were the Under

Secretary of State Robert Lovett and the U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Lewis H. Douglas. -Mr-Martin-said-aid-to-China-was also discussed, but the main purpose for European ald .- Associated Press.

## POLICE FIRE ON STRIKERS

Lowell W. Rooks, UNRRA, chief, opened fire when six forries, carry- (8es) 2 p.m. told the House Foreign Affairs Com- ling workmen, were attacked by Macso, Tsinshan and Shekki (8ea) 2 p.m. mittee that economic aid alone is strikers at the Mavrovouni copper Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. wounded, it was stated.

The Pan-Cyprian Federation of ings in Nicosia tonight to protest Manila, 11,30 a.m. ganise and direct. Chinese, forces against the death of a 50-year old Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, "even down to tactics and strategy." man, who, they said, "was killed Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.
Rooks told the Committee that today, while resisting strike-Pelping and Holhow, 3.30 p.m.

Press reports that a striker was killed when the police opened fire were officially denied here tonight. The strike at the copper mines side of China, Rooks said he could began 54 days, ago when the men

mons this week.

only one copy of the evidence, taken by a Royal Commission in Many Canadians were captured in South China Morning Post Limited the Japanese Reuter .--

nouncement of the Red radio vance air base to supply Mukden Threat To Yenan

Air units recently tranferred from | Hankow to Manchurla flew to North | jeep. Sian. A United Press dispatch from attacked the outskirts of Slan as well as outlying towns.

The Red radio added that the The Reds in this area were

The Nationalists, ploughing northward from Chinchow, are reported to have advanced further and reached Chaoyang, reducing the gap to Mukdens to 30 miles.—United

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9 Closing Times By Air Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg & Marsellies via Cairo) Augusta and London (Kowloon C.P.O.) 3 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 3.30 p.m. Singapore, Sourabaya, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m. Canton, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Pelping,

3.30 p.m. Closing Times By Sea & Train U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Bea) 1 p.m. Swatow (Sea)' 1 p.m. Japan (Ordinary letters and cards only)

(Bea) 1 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m. Canton (Train) 2 p.m. Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m. Halphong and Pakhol (Sea) 3 p.m.

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hai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Pel-ping: Tainan, Swatow and Foochow, 3.30 Closing Times By Sea & Train Canton (Train) 7 a.m. Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.

Manila (Sea) 10 a.m. Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m. Shanghai (Bea) 2 p.m. Kyrenia, Mar. 8 .- The police Japan (Ordinary letters and cards only)

> Canton (Sea) 5 p.m. THURSDAY, MARCH 11

### ZBW BROADCAST

8, Studio: Children's Story "Peter not say, but he has heard on good authority i that a great amount of the military supplies the Russians had captured from the Japanese had turned up in Communist hands.

Didn't Like To Answer

Moj-Gen. G. E. Edgerton; former chief of the UNRRA China office, advocated economic aid for China. He was asked: "Do you think it is possible to give military aid without ultimately sending over American divisions?"

About Hongkong:

Ottawa. Mar. 8.—The Canadian Government-intends to table about London Relay: News: 9.10, Westher Report; 9.11, Studio: A Talk by the Rev Father T. F. Ryan. S. J. Great Composers published evidence on the defence of Hongkong in the House of Corp
Ciosa David By Arinar Ransome, No. 1 Episode "The Quay Side" Told by Captain Filint: Government, Duck"—The Quay Side" Told by Captain Filint: Government, Edgerton, Sudde "Told by Captain Filint: Government, Edgerton, Sudde" Told by Captain Filint: Government, Edgerton, Edgerton, Edgerton, Sudde Transcription, Edgerton, Sudde Transcription, Edgerton, Sudden Filint: Government, Edgerton, Edg Duck" by Arthur Ransome, No. 1 Episode

## U.N. BALKAN COMMISSION

Athens, Mar. 8.—A detachment from the United Nations. Balkan Commission was shelled in Macedonia, near the frontier, press reports from Salonika said today. No damage was done by the shelling, the reports:

The Athens news agency quoted unconfirmed reports from Salonika that guerillas had mined the railway line between Salonika and Kiklis "in an attempt on the life of Major-General James Van Fleet, head of the military section of the American aid mission to Greece."

General Van Fleet, Brigadier Steel, the deputy head of the British mission in Greece, and General Yantzia, the Greek Chief of Staff, were expected back in Athens today from a tour of Northern Greece. The Greek General Staff communique reported today that in the

fighting on the Albanian border at Phillates, where aircraft were supporting Government troops, the Government forces lost 34 dead between Thursday and Saturday. Six officers and 28 other ranks were killed and three officers and

30 other ranks wounded. In Central Macedonia, Government warplanes strafed guerilla positions.—Reuter.

## SLAIN WOMEN IDENTIFIED

Salgon, Mar. 8 .- The charred bodies of two American women, found with bullet wounds in the heads under the son & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday wreckage of their jeep on the road the 17th day of March, 1948, at to Salgon Airport, were identified Noon, to receive the Report of the today by their jewellery.

They were Mrs Jeanne Skewes, Director of the United States Infor- of Accounts for the year ended. mation Service here, and Miss Lydia 31st December, 1947, to elect Ruth James, a secretary at the United Directors and to appoint Auditors. States Consulate General. French soldiers found the bodies three miles from town, when sent Transfer Books of the Company

to investigate the sound of firing, will be closed from the 4th March,... The bodies were under the jeep be- 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, hind a screen of bamboo bushes both days inclusive. in the bed of a dried-up river. . The assassins had set fire to the The spot where the bodies were

found is outside the security zone. established by the French authorities Both the French and American investigating. nuthorities are

### "HOOCH" KILLS NINE PEOPLE

Berlin, Mar. 8 .- Nine persons dled and six others lost their sight after drinking methyl alcohol in a Leipzig suburb during the spring fair, the French licensed newspaper Der Kurier reported yesterday.

Twenty-four persons, including 12 members of the Russian Occupation

Three cafes, were closed as a result and all owners and waiters arrested.-Associated Press.

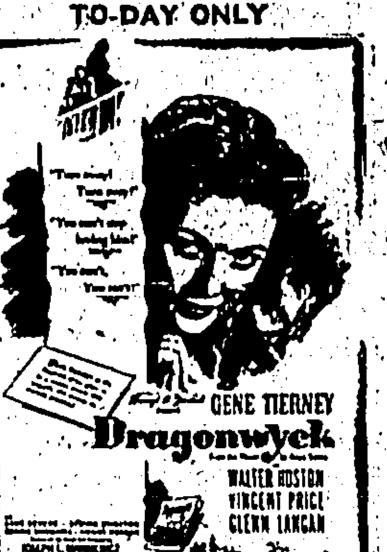
## **DEATH OF MOSLEM** RESIDENT

The death occurred early this. morning of Hajee Moosa Azim, one of the oldest members of the Moslem community. Mr. Azim, formerly of the Treasury, was 75 years of age. The funeral will take place at the Mohammedan Cemetery at 5.15 p.m.

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